

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**


Entry of the present Amendment and reconsideration of all claims remaining of record as presently amended are earnestly requested. Applicants appreciate that the Examiner has determined claims 2-7, 9-22 and 24-30 to be patentable over the prior art of record. By this amendment, claims 32-38 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, Applicants submit that all claims now remaining in the present application are in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit a Notice to that effect. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if any further matter remains outstanding.

Respectfully submitted,

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